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Application Number : 09/083,198 Confirmation No.: 3687  
Applicant : Venkataraman BRINGI, et al.  
Filed : May 22, 1998  
Title : ENHANCED PRODUCTION OF TAXOL AND TAXANES BY  
CELL CULTURES OF TAXUS SPECIES  
TC/Art Unit : 1651  
Examiner: : Irene Marx  
  
Docket No. : 62698.000061  
Customer No. : 21967

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME,  
STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW, AND  
AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

**PETITION**

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 23, 2006 in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including November 23, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1020.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206 to cover the three-month extension of time fee.

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### CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments and the remarks in this Amendment, claims 1-3, 6-21, and 24-72 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Application be allowed and passed to issue. In the event any outstanding issues remain, Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned representative to resolve such issues in an expeditious manner.

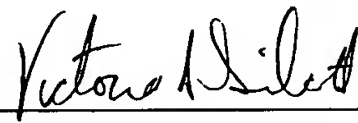
It is believed that no additional fees are necessary for the submission of this Response. However, should the USPTO determined that a variance exists between the amount due and the amount authorized above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE**

This Amendment is filed in reply to the non-final Office Action dated May 23, 2006 regarding the above-captioned application.

**Amendment to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this Amendment.